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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the MODULAR STENT HAVING POLYMER BRIDGES AT MODULAR UNIT CONTACT SITES, the specification of which:

- (a)  is attached hereto  
(b)  was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable).  
(c)  was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 (a) – (d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

- (d)  no such applications have been filed  
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Provisional Application Number(s)	Date of Filing (MM/DD/YYYY)
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a), regarding events which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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